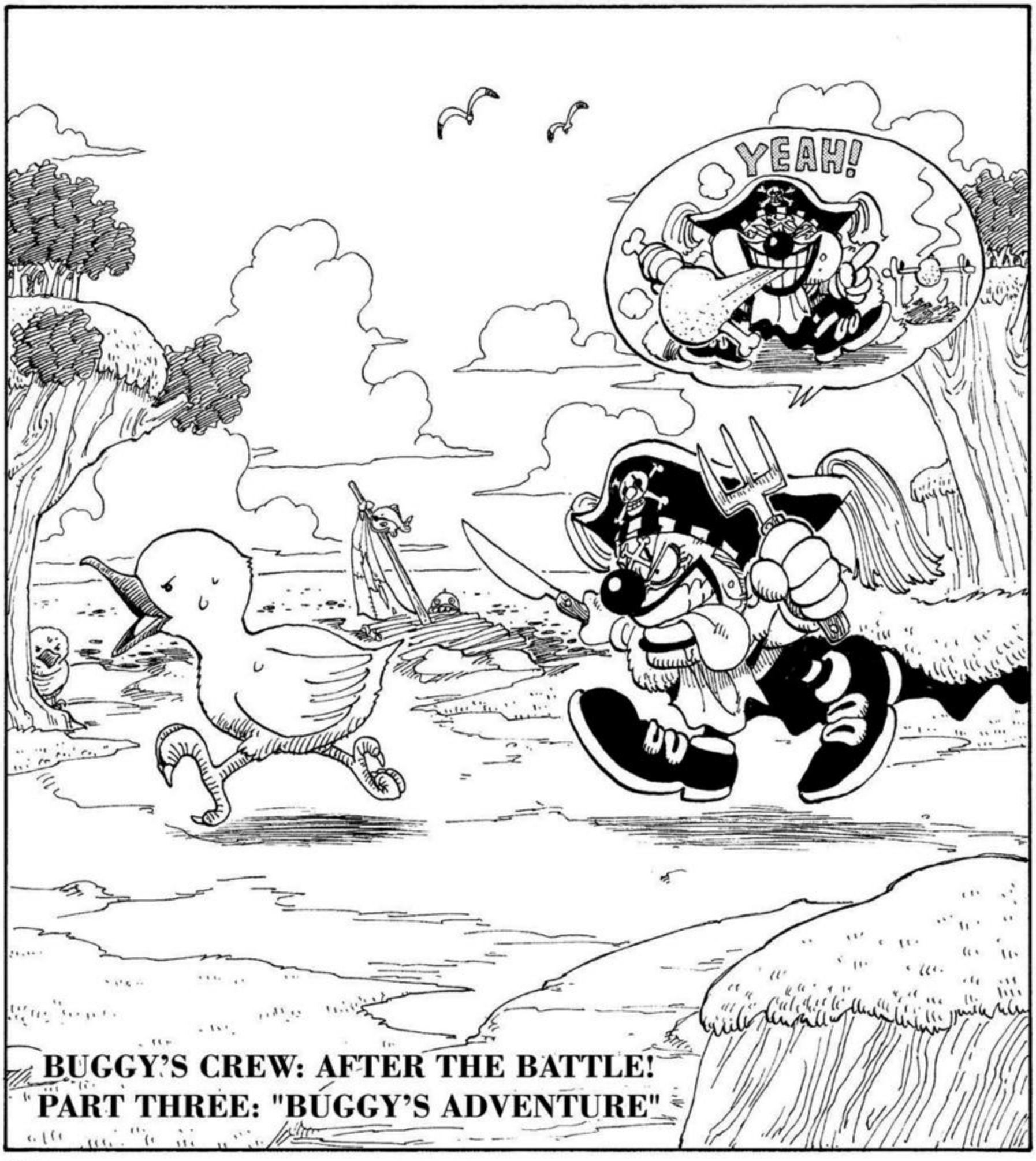
Chapter 37:
CAPTAIN KURO, OF THE THOUSAND PLANS



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RK

NOT TODAY.

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WR

DIE.

SWAP

!?

THERE THEY GO !

FWIP

WUP !!

!

OOF !!

WHAM!!

HUNH !!?

THWAP

!!

THWAP

GUM-
GUM-
FUMP
ROINNG
BOWLING
WHIP
!!
UNH-
AND...
KREEK

WHOMP

PISTOL !!!

!!

!?

AAAH !!!

OOM

HEY...

SWUP

DO

YOU BORE ME, BOY...

OM

HE'S STAND-ING ON HIS ARM !!!

HE'S STANDING ON HIM !!!

YAAAARRR

WO

OSH

TMP TMP TMP

!!?

STUPID CHILD !!

RERK

READ THIS WAY

WHOOM

AAGH..

!!

SWAK

!!!

WUMP TUMP BUMP FWUMP

OW! UGH !

TMP

DARN. I CUT MY LIP.

PTOOEY

TH- THAT'S CAPTAIN KURO FOR YOU !!

THAT STRAW- HAT BOY WAS SUP- POSED TO BE REALLY TOUGH !!

SWUP

KU- RO !!

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HOORAY FOR CAPTAIN KURO !!!

OOOOO

MURDER 'IM !!

YIPE !!

GASP!

NEVER CALL ME BY THAT NAME !!!

RAARR

...WITH CAPTAIN KURO !!!

MY PLAN IS TO UTTERLY DO AWAY...

!

?

YOU STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND ?

CRAFTING A THOUSAND BRILLIANT PLANS FOR SLOBBERING FOOLS WITH NOTHING BUT PLUNDER ON THEIR MINDS !

IT TIRED ME...

I DECIDED I HAD TO DIE!!

SO, ON THAT FATEFUL DAY THREE YEARS AGO...

I GREW SICK OF THE RELENT-LESS HARASS-MENT.

HUNTED BY MARINES AND SPIES AND BOUNTY HUNT-ERS...

AND WHAT DID MY HARD WORK WIN ME? THE ENTIRE NAVY ON MY HEELS !

...

CAPTAIN KURO IS CALLING YOU!

AYE? WHAT IS IT?

LIEU-TENANT DJANGO !

YEAH... THE ***INCIDENT*** !!

OH... THAT DAY...

READ THIS WAY

I'M LEAVING THIS SHIP.

DOOM

DJANGO...

CAPTAIN KURO OF THE THOUSAND PLANS (THREE YEARS AGO)

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "LEAVE"? THIS IS ***YOUR*** SHIP!! YOU'RE THE ***CAPTAIN!!***

RIGHT NOW? ALL OF A SUDDEN ?

HUNH !?

A SHIPLOAD OF MARINES IS COMING FROM THE NORTH!!

AGAIN?! IT'S THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK!!

CAPTAIN KURO!! CAPTAIN KURO!!

BEING A PIRATE DOESN'T AGREE WITH ME ANY-MORE.

I'VE HAD IT WITH THIS LIFE.

SHIP

CAPTAIN? *PAH.* ***YOU*** TAKE THE TITLE.

WE'VE MADE OUR-SELVES A REPUTA-TION.

WE ROB, WE PILLAGE, THEY CHASE.

IT'S JUST AN OCCUPA-TIONAL HAZARD.

YOU SEE? THIS IS MY LIFE !

KLUNK

KLANK

BOOM!!

WAAAH!! THEY'RE FIRING ON US!

"CAPTAIN KURO" HAS OUTLIVED HIS USEFUL-NESS.

AND IT'S OUR REPUTATION THAT DRAWS THESE SHARKS !

NO. LOWER A BOAT.

CAPTAIN KURO! SHALL WE GIVE THEM MARINES A BROAD-SIDE?

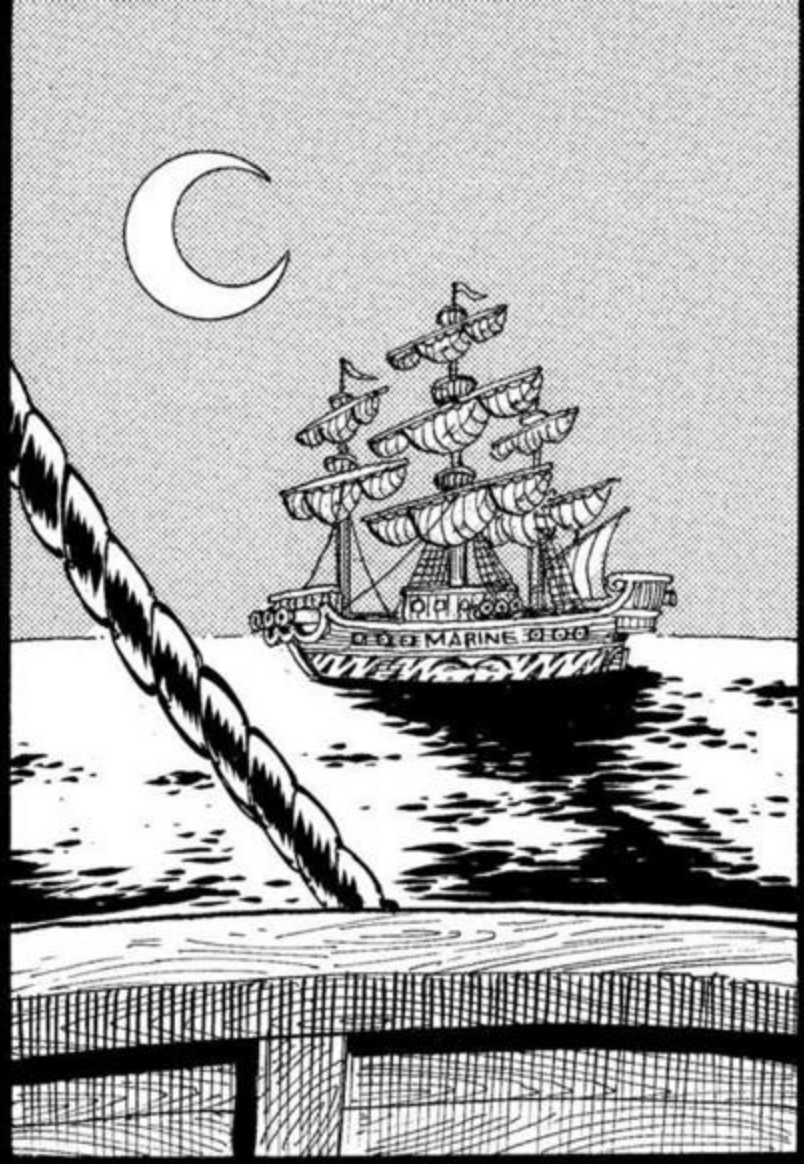
KLOMP KLOMP

BOOM

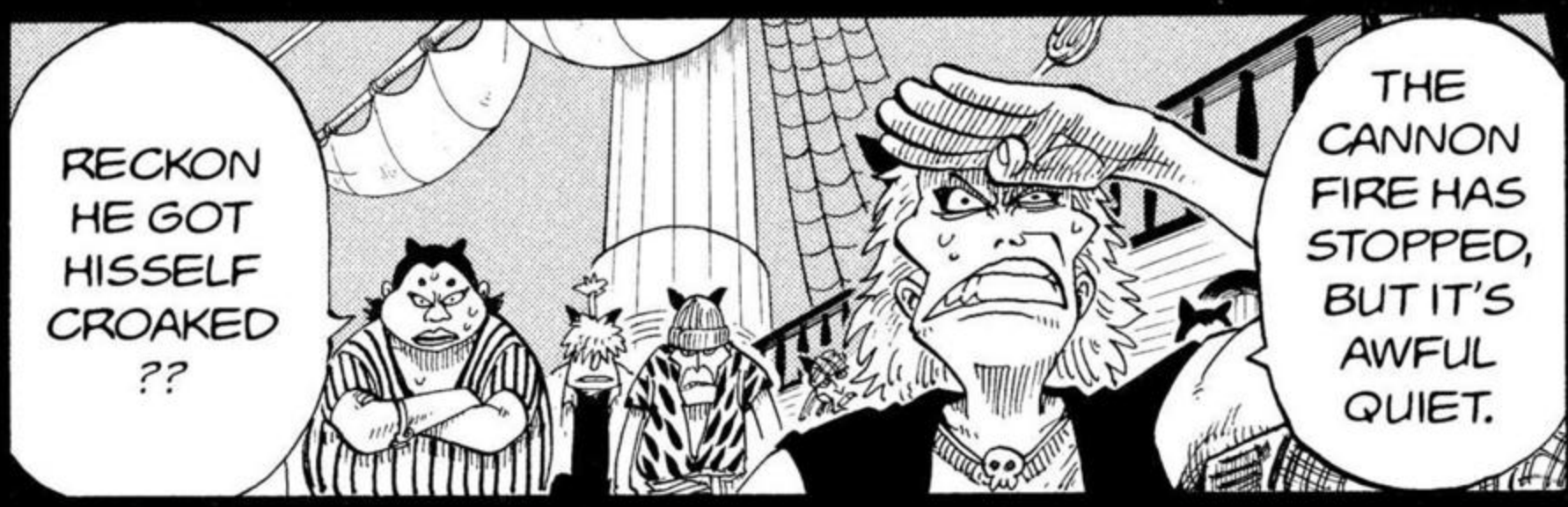
A BOAT?

THEN I'LL DIE. AND THE WHOLE WORLD MUST KNOW IT.

HAR HAR, CAPTAIN! EVEN IF YOU QUIT, THE AUTHORITIES WILL HOUND YOU UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE!


MARINE

HE'S ROWING OUT TO THE NAVY SHIP. DOES HE WANT TO GET HANGED?
THERE HE GOES! WHAT IN NEPTUNE'S NAME IS THE CAPTAIN UP TO?
PLOOSH
PLOOSH


RECKON HE GOT HISSELF CROAKED ??
THE CANNON FIRE HAS STOPPED, BUT IT'S AWFUL QUIET.

HUH ?
!!?

KREEK

READY THE CANNON! WE'LL BOARD 'ER!! PREPARE TO FIGHT!!
OOOOO

THEY'VE BEEN MASSACRED !!!

DOOM

THE MARINES...

TIME TO TRY MY PLAN.

WELL, THEN...

AYE. AND ALL OF THEM TRAINED SOLDIERS, TOO...

WOOOO

...BUT THIS GIVES ME GOOSE-BUMPS.

I KNOW HE'S OUR CAPTAIN...

YOU'RE STILL BREATH-ING.

KRUMP

!

SO...

...UNGH...

IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME, THEN KILL ME.

I WON'T BEG FOR MY LIFE.

SUCH A NICE FACE.

YOU CAN CLAIM THE REWARD FOR CAPTAIN KURO OF THE THOUSAND PLANS.

EXCEL-LENT.

...THROUGH A BROKEN JAW.

YOU SPEAK WELL...

ONE...
TWO...
DJANGO !!
SWUP
THIS MAS-SACRE WAS YOUR WORK.
YOUR NAME IS CAPTAIN KURO.
ONE, TWO, DJANGO !!
!
AND YOU'RE THE MAN WHO CAPTURED CAPTAIN KURO!!
TAKE THE PRISONER TO YOUR BASE FOR EXECUTION.
MY NAME IS CAPTAIN KURO.
DOOM
MY NAME IS CAPTAIN KURO.
HE'S HYPNOTIZED HIMSELF AGAIN.
I'M THE MAN WHO CAPTURED CAPTAIN KURO!!
GRR
GRR
THAT TAKES CARE OF IT. WHEN THIS IMPOSTOR DIES, CAPTAIN KURO DISAPPEARS FROM THE WORLD!
I'M FREE TO PURSUE MY TWO GOALS: WEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND.
AND NOW, WITH THE SUCCESS OF TONIGHT'S PLAN...

READ THIS WAY

CAN YOU UNDER-STAND, BRAT ?

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ERROR IN MY THREE-YEAR PLAN.

GRARR

GO OFF COURSE !!!

AND MY PLANS NEVER...

UNGH... !!

!

CH

INK

UNGHAA !!!

TO BE A PI-RATE !!

NOPE! I'VE BEEN TRAINING !

SO. STRETCH-ING ISN'T YOUR ONLY TALENT.

WHAT ?!

KLAK

HOO-YAAA !!!!

IF YOU DON'T WANT A REPU-TATION...

GRRR

...!!!

YOU SAY YOU WERE TIRED ?

YARR!! HE BROKE THE CAPTAIN'S CLAWS!!!

AND IF YOU WANNA COMPARE PLANS, MINE'S MUCH BIGGER !!!

!!! KA-WHAM

...YOU SHOULDN'T BE A PIRATE !!!!

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